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Superior Court of California
County of San Mateo

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The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Members of the Judicial Council:

On behalf of the judges of the San Mateo Superior Court I write to express our gratitude for your bold move last year to create the Strategic Evaluation Committee and to appoint judges to the SEC who have demonstrated a firm commitment to the administration of justice in California. We especially appreciate your foresight in charging the SEC with full responsibility for evaluating the current functioning of the Administrative Office of the Courts without limitation.

The Report issued by the SEC is a landmark document. It carefully and candidly articulates a clear assessment of the current functioning of the AOC. The Report provides the Judicial Branch with a roadmap to achieve success in the administration of the courts over the next decade and beyond. The detailed recommendations for improvement are especially important for the Judicial Branch's future success as we come to terms with the dramatic reduction in our revenue. Trial and Appellate courts need a fully functioning, credible and transparent Administrative Office of the Courts now, more than ever.

We urge the Judicial Council to implement the recommendations of the SEC. Having carefully read the entire report, I endorse all of its recommendations and request that the Judicial Council move quickly to publically accept the evaluation as accurate and to implement the SEC's recommendations.

Very truly yours,

Beth Labson Freeman

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